

# 2024 Annual Report

# Raise a generation to change a nation







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### **Elevator Pitch**

# Orphan Shade equips the local village church to establish a permanent foster family to prepsre Orphan girls ....

Whom We Serve: Orphan girls in rural Malawi Africa that have lost both of their parents to HIV. These children have faced trauma from the loss of their parents, food insecurity and neglect. They exhibit behaviors such as frustration, anger, aggression, depression, lack of focus, frequent crying, nightmares, wetting the bed and eating disorders. The child's assigned guardian is very poor and cannot feed, clothe or send the child to school. The child's prospects for life are not good.

**Our Vision**: We seek to raise a generation of Christian women to be leaders, pastors, politicians, entrepreneurs, and educators that influence substantive positive change in the country.

**Our Model**: Orphan Shade is **NOT** an institutional orphanage. It is a family. The children grow up in their own village, are near their extended family, attend the local school, participate in the local church, and experience the love and care of volunteer parents. The focus is to prepare the child's body, mind, and spirit for the future. We intend to scale this model to create new families in hundreds of villages across the southern region of Malawi.



**Our Partner**: We work closely with a church network of rural village churches in southern Malawi. Members of church leadership volunteer their time to provide oversight and lead the effort to establish new families. Members of the local village church volunteer their time to support and provide oversight for the family. This partnership is essential for the sustainability of the Orphan Shade model.

**Our Results:** Three active foster families live and thrive as a ministry of the local church in 3 different rural villages. Four of our 24 girls are ranked #1 in their respective school years.

**Our Needs:** A new home in a village costs \$5,000 USD per child. The home is a 4bedroom home with basic furnishings. The recurring operating cost per child per month is \$75 USD. Contents

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### Where We Work

**Factoid:** Malawi is located in **Houston to Malawi Sub-Sarahan Africa** 9,200 Miles Africa 150 mi Zimbwabwe Panzania Karonga Nyika Nat. Park 🗖 Tanzania Lake Malawi Mzuzu © WorldAtlas.cc MALAWI Chizumulu Island Cikoma Island Kasungu Nat. Park Bua River Nkhotakota Monkey Lilongwe Chipata ( Bay Lake N Malombe Llwonde Chipoka Lake Nat. Pa**Moz**ambique Cahora Bassa Zomba Lake Blantyre Lengwe Shire Nat. Park River Chilwa Mozambique Zimbabwe MALAWI Zambezi Zambia River 🗖 LOW / HILLS / PLATEAU / MTS. Malawi

## Letter from Jay

Dear Donors,

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Your giving has accomplished great things in 2024. Here is a short list:

- You fed, supplied and clothed 3 foster families (30 individuals) in 2024
- You constructed a new home that provides shelter for a new foster family in Mdeka village
- You gave > \$50K in 2023 & 2024 to build home #4 planned for 2025
- You supported the grand opening celebration where -300 villagers accepted Jesus as their Savior
- You gave \$6,000 to add electricity service to all 3 homes
- You gave \$4,500 to purchase and distribute 4 tons of maize to feed hungry members of our partner churches
- You gave \$25,000 to construct a security fence around each home (2025 project)
- You funded 1 tutor for each family (3 total)
- You funded an credentialed counselor including a motorcycle for transport

We are exceedingly grateful to you for meeting every Orphan Shade financial need in 2024. We continue to experience God's faithfulness.

Your support has also resulted in the achievement of a major milestone. We have demonstrated over the last 3.5 years that the Orphan Shade ministry concept works.

We acknowledge that the model is not perfect. However, the model is repeatable, sustainable, scalable, and producing good fruit.

The Orphan Shade model requires many resources to function. The stakeholders include:

- Our generous donors
- 6 foster parents
- 3 village church Pastors
- 3 tribal village churches (150+ people)
- 3 village headmen/headwomen
- 4 volunteer leaders in Blantyre
- 10 Malawi Board of Trustee Members

We thank all of these stakeholders for their service and giving. You are all a tremendous blessing to the 24 girls that have live under the protective shadow that you provide.



Jay Schierloh

**Executive Director** 

# Mdeka Grand Opening **A New Family Begins**



Yours truly, the Minister of Parliament, and the Deputy Regional Traditional Authority celebrate the ribbon cutting

The Mdeka family start & home opening in June was eventful. A few highlights:

- Approximately 500 villagers attended
- Approximately 300 accepted Jesus as their Savior over the weekend
- The Minister of Parliment for the district attended and spoke
- The Senior Group Village Headman of the region (#2 chief) attended and spoke
- Pastors & members from 5 of our partner's churches in the area attended

The service portion was three hours long. The event included:

- There was dancing and more dancing
- The futebol match winners from Saturday were recognized
- Several church choirs performed African style worship
- The two VIP's sepoke to the crowd about Orphan Shade

- Yours truly preached the gospel from John 3:16
- A very long offering was taken up for the family

We are very thankful for the listeners of the iHeart Radio "The Morning Show with Preston Scott" in Tallahasse, FL. Preston's listeners funded 100% of the cost of this home in Mdeka. In addition, they are also funding the ongoing operating costs of the family & home.

We recognized these generous gifts by naming the home in the honor of Preston & Cynthia Scott. The home will be known informally as the "House of Scott" by the children.



The new family and honored guests on the veranda of the new home

The family has had a rough start in the first six months. We have made a number of changes to bring peace to the home. However, they are now a functioning family that are learning to love each other.

# Dora's Story <mark>A New Beginning</mark>

Theodora was born into a family which lacked resources to feed, cloth, and educate. At the age of 8, she lost both of her parents. The parent's property was seized by family members. This is common in Malawi culture. She was left wondering how she lost both her parents in such a short period of time.

Theodora went to stay with an aunt. She passed through hell in the hands of her aunt. The worst thing was that everyone around her knew her situation. People treated her badly because they knew no one would come protect her.



She was working as a house girl (maid) in her Aunt's house. She felt badly because she did not understand the reason for violence. She was then chased away by her Aunt because she couldn't manage to do all the work serving as a maid.

She went to live with her grandmother in the village. The grandmother was very poor and struggled to meet even the most basic of needs.



Theodora lost all hope. The only thing she wanted from her life was to take her back in time to the days when her parents were close to her and when she used to go to school excited to get an education. She wanted to relive those days when she had no pain or worries stopping her from playing with her friends. She wanted to be surrounded by people who could look after her and cared for her well being just like her old times.

Theodora said, "Orphan Shade is a place of refuge for her. I sleep in a warm bed and eat regularly three times a day." She continued, "in Orphan shade home every one is treated equally, and they are given everthing they need like clothes and other things".

During a visit this summer, Pastor Jay and Moma Stacey introduced the nickname, Dora. They described the cartoon, "Dora the Explorer". The nickname stuck. She is thankful to Orphan Shade for giving

her hope and opportunity that her dreams of becoming a nurse.



# Uno Let the Competition Begin!

Uno has been played by millions of families over 50+ years. I remember playing the game as a child with my family.

Stacey (AKA Moma Stacey or Mayi Abusa) brought Uno cards from the U.S. The objective was to introduce the game to the girls in Pangeti family. The girls were very interested and gave Stacey their undivided attention. Stacey explained the game in English. Elijah translated for her. She received blank stares. She then dealt the cards and instructed them to play a test game to teach the rules.



The girls start to understand the game It should be noted that the girls had **never played** a card game before. This was the first for them.

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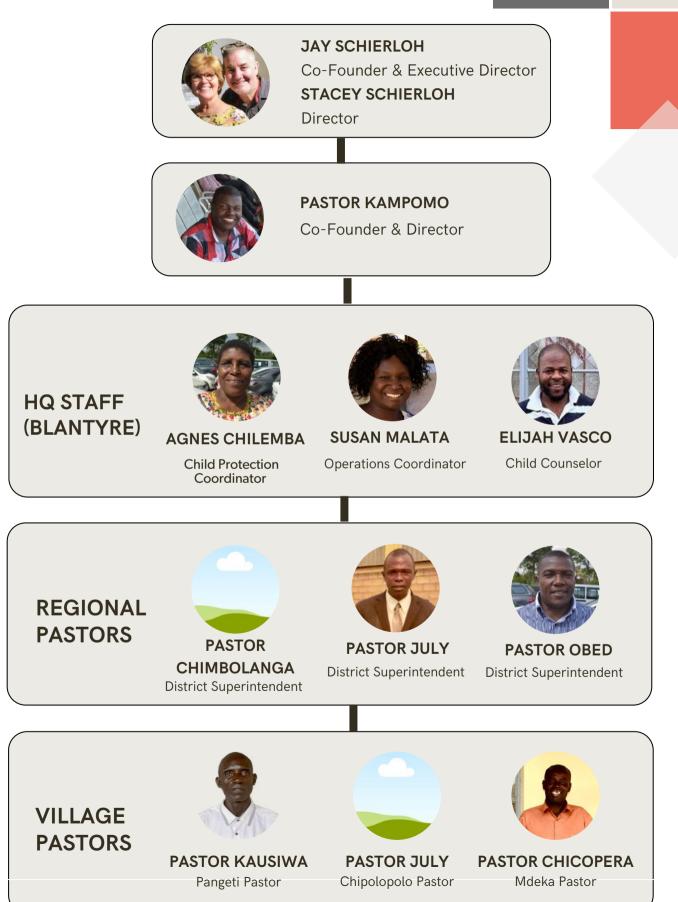
We received several photos 2 weeks after our visit. The photos reflected the intense usage of the cards over the two week period. It turned from a time filler to a time waster. They were playing instead of studying. Not good. We instructed mama to hold the cards for weekends and play time.

The girls have requested another set of Uno cards. We will make sure to provide more robust cards next time. Lesson learned.





# **OUR TEAM**



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# Pangeti Family

### Established: Nov. 2021

This is our first family. They are our living experiment. We have learned much from the parents, children, pastor and church. The girls range in age from 9 to 14. Yes, we have teenagers.



Pastor Kausiwa Village Pastor



Mr. & Mrs. Chausaukira Parents



Maria



Ruth



Stella



Eliza



Naomi



Agnes



Regina



# Chipolopolo Family

#### **Established: June 2023**

This family has been together for 18 months. This family began and operates with one couple as parents. The Makupiza 's are our model parents. This family contains chatty little girls (Ages 6 to 10) who love to play.



Pastor July and wife Village Pastor



Caroline



Hannah



Lonjezo



Mr. & Mrs. Makupiza Parents



Rosa



Rachael



Etinala







Rosalia



# Mdeka Family

### **Established: June 2024**

This family has been together for six months. The girls are still adapting to their new situation. There has been much more peace in the home since December 2024. The girls range in age from 6 to 10.



Pastor Chicopera Village Pastor





Sharon



Ruth





Rachael



Etinala



Pastor & Mrs. Obed Temporary Parents







Miracle

# **Moving Pictures**

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### 2024 Highlights

## 1. Miracles



- 300 villagers saved at Mdeka grand opening
- Healing of lame man who listened to the Word on a solar powered audio bible
- God opened a door to buy 5 tons of maize at a below market price; We were able to donate 4 tons to multiple local churches

### 2. Key Accomplishments

- Launched Mdeka Foster family (#3)
- Hired 2 new tutors
- Hired a Child Counselor
- Trained backup parents on the bench
- Enhanced safety by adding electricity

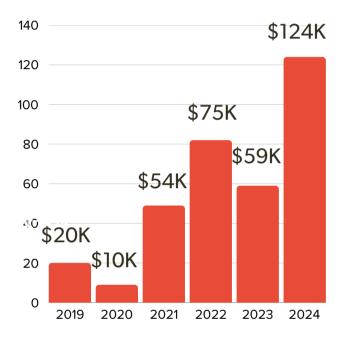
#### 3. Tough Lessons Learned



- Brought in a child based on political pressure (Mdeka)
- Lost parents in Pangeti
- Asked Naomi (12) to leave Pangeti family

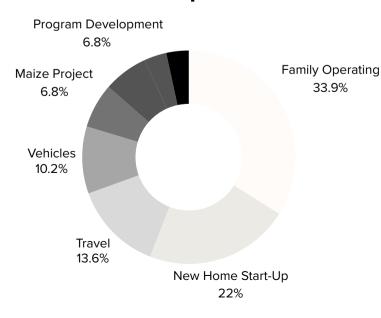
### Finances

We strive to be very transparent with our donors concerning our ministry finances. Below is an overview of our donations and spending for 2024



#### **2024** Donations

2024 Expenses



- We received <u>\$124K</u> from you, our generous donors, in 2024
- Total # of Donors in 2024: 80
- Total # of recurring donors in 2024: 57
- The donations included:
- \$8,000 for electrification of all three homes
- \$25,000 to build security fences for all three homes in 2025
- \$50,000 for construction of home #4 in 2025

- We spent a total of <u>\$62K</u> in 2024
- Inflation and currency devaluation
   continues to impact our operating costs in Malawi
- We did not build a new home in 2024
- Family operating costs represents food, healthcare, clothing and supplies for the 3 families

# Impact Metrics

Measure	#	Trend	Definition
Orphans Rescued	24	0	Vulnerable double orphans in the local tribal village that are not cared for by their extended family
Homes Constructed	3	$\mathbf{\hat{O}}$	Village home built for a family of 10
Church Plants	12	0	Church plants represent new churches created by our partner after the Orphan Shade grand opening

2024 Projects				
Project	Details	Outcome		
Launched Family #3	The new family in Mdeka began in June 2024. They are thriving at the 6 month mark	<ul> <li>Over 500 people attended;</li> <li>-300 people were saved</li> <li>A new family was born</li> </ul>		
Hire a Child Counselor	The team in Malawi required a child counselor to help the girls learn to cope with stressors from eafrly childhood	<ul> <li>Elijah Vasco joined us</li> <li>He has Counseling credentials from a university in SA.</li> </ul>		
Trained Parents on TBRI	Taught house parents to recognize trauma associated behaviors and tools to help each child cope with stressors	<ul> <li>Trained parents in each home</li> <li>TBRI - Trauma Based Relational Intervention</li> </ul>		
Home Electrical Service	We recognized neeyd for electricity due to security and lighting for homework /reading at night	<ul> <li>Raised \$6,000</li> <li>Wired all three homes and added poles to connect to the grid</li> </ul>		

# 2025 Projects

PROJECT	OBJECTIVE	KEY STEPS
Child Protection Policy	implement a child protection policy in Malawi	<ul> <li>Create and train all parties on child protection policy</li> <li>Implement new Protection role</li> </ul>
New home design	New design to reduce cost, improve usage and improve airflow	<ul> <li>Select conceptual design</li> <li>Establish building requirements and materials</li> </ul>
Build Home #4	Contract and construct home #4 based on the new home design	<ul> <li>Land is secured</li> <li>Contract negotiations</li> <li>Build the home in Lirangwe</li> </ul>
Security Fence Project	Construct a security fence around all 3 properties	<ul> <li>Increase security for each family</li> <li>Waiting on our subcontractor</li> </ul>
Conduct mental health assessments	Add a few details describing your project's goals	<ul> <li>Conduct and document assessments on all 24 girls</li> <li>Conduct assessments on family #4 candidates</li> </ul>
Operations Manual	Operations Manual covering operations of existing foster families	<ul><li>Publish by June 30th</li><li>Train team</li></ul>





# **Thank You Donors**



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